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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR RODRIGO URIBE ECHAVARRIA RESIGNES.

1. PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR RODRIGO URIBE ECHAVARRIA RESIGNED HIS POST DURING LATE DECEMBER, 1974 BUT NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS HELD UP AT PRESIDENT LOPEZ' REQUEST UNTIL AFTER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. IN HIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION, URIBE WHO NOMINALLY HAD BEEN PUT IN CHARGE OF REORGANIZING THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM IN COLUMBIA, CITED THE REFUSAL OF CONGRESS TO PASS A LAW GIVING LEGAL STATUS TO HIS POSITION, AND THE EXISTING LAWS GOVERNING SOCIAL SECURITY, WHICH PLACE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT INSTITUTION AND RELATED MATTERS IN THE MINISTRIES OF LABOR AND HEALTH, AS THE REASONS FOR HIS DECISION TO QUIT HIS POST.

2. THE OTHER COUNSELOR, JAIME CASTRO CASTRO REPORTEDLY ALSO SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION BUT SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED TO REMAIN AND CONTINUE HIS TASK OF TRYING TO REORGANIZE THE ADMINISTRATION.

3. URIBE'S RESIGNATION DOES NOT REPRESENT ANY KIND OF A CABINET CRISIS. EMBASSY SOURCES, HOWEVER, HAVE CONFIRMED RUMORS THAT URIBE AND MINISTER OF LABOR DE CROVO HAD CLASHED OVER THE FORMER'S INTENTION TO REMOVE JURISDICTION OF THE COLOMBIAN SOCIAL SECURITY INSTITUTE (ICSS) FROM THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND TO
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TRANSFER THE ICSS HEADQUARTERS FROM BOGOTA TO MEDELLIN, WHERE

URIBE RESIDES. THE MINISTER'S POSITION ON THIS ISSUE AND
APPARENT OVERALL STRENGTH IN THE LOPEZ ADMINISTRATION MAY
HAVE INFLUENCED URIBE'S DECISION.
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